

At page 5 line 28 after "sorghum tassel" please add "(DNA is SEQ ID NO:7 and protein is SEQ ID NO:8)—and after "maize cDNA" please delete "the sorghum DNA is SEQ No. 7 and the protein is SEQ ID NO.8" and add "(DNA is bases 29 to 731 of SEQ ID NO:1 and protein is residues 10 to 244 of SEQ ID NO:2--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 2. (Amended) An isolated nucleotide sequence that mediates male fertility in plants comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID Nos.2, [4]or 8 and those sequences which hybridize to the nucleotide sequences encoding any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID Nos. 2 , [4]or 8 under highly stringent conditions.

Claim 13 (Amended) A method of impacting fertility of a plant comprising impacting a nucleotide sequence in the plant encoding the amino acid sequence of any of SEQ ID Nos 2, [4]or 8, the nucleotide sequences of any of SEQ. ID Nos. 1, 3, or 7 and those sequences which hybridize to any of said sequences under highly stringent conditions

Claim 24 (Amended) The method of claim 23 wherein the nucleotide sequences comprise the nucleotide sequences encoding the amino acids of SEQ ID Nos. 2, [4]or 8 or having the nucleotide sequence of any of SEQ. ID Nos. 1, 3, or 7 and those nucleotide sequences which hybridize to any of said sequences.

REMARKS

The Applicant has amended the specification to correct inadvertent reference to SEQ ID NO:4. There is no SEQ ID NO: 4. The description of Figure 6 is amended to match the description provided with the Sequence Listing and does not add new information, instead describes which bases are in which part of the Figure. Several typographical errors have also been corrected. The Applicant has also amended the claims to remove reference to SEQ ID NO: 4. Figure 12 is amended to state, as is evident from the figure, that identifies the maize DNA is bases 29 to 731 of SEQ ID NO 1 and the protein is residues 10 to 244 of SEQ ID NO:2. A marked and clean copy of the claims is included. A substitute specification is also included (without claims) along with a redlined copy of the specification.